

Record of Proceedings: April 10, 2012
West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: President Stoker convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m..

Roll Call: Mrs. Stoker and Mr. Wong responded. Mr. Lang was absent due to another commitment.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Presentations

April 8-14, 2012 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Mrs. Boyko introduced Tom Mercer, Angie Day & Cheri Smiley from the West Chester Communications Center who received the proclamation from the Board of Trustees. Tom read a narrative from an Orlando emergency dispatcher entitled "Who I Am", and expressed their appreciation for the recognition.

Anita Carroll, Director of the MidPointe Library System (f.k.a. Middletown Library System), with facilities in West Chester, Trenton, and Middletown, gave a presentation on the past and the future of the West Chester Library, noting January 1, 2013 will mark the 100th anniversary of the public library system in Ohio, this week is National Library Week, and announced the name change from Middletown Library to MidPointe Library System effective April 9, 2012. She also presented data indicating increased library usage, programs and operating hours.

Steve Schnabl, Executive Director of Partners In Prime, gave his annual presentation on the West Chester Activity Center, featuring 2011 highlights. He recognized in the audience Randy Oppenheimer, chairman of the Partners In Prime Board of Directors, and Susan Costantino, newly appointed Service Coordinator at the West Chester Activity Center. A WCCTV production about the West Chester Activity Center was shown. He also presented data indicating substantial usage by persons of various ages, goals for the coming year, budgeted expenses for 2012 totaling \$236,024, projected income totaling \$141,000, and a projected shortfall of \$95,000. He noted the Board of Trustees had previously provided a \$100,000 operating subsidy, understood the Board was planning to provide less this year, and asked the Trustees to now consider providing up to \$95,000 in an operating subsidy. Mrs. Stoker observed the contributions of the facility to the community, as well as decreased township revenues. Mrs. Boyko stated that \$85,000 had previously been considered as a contribution to the center's operations. Mrs. Boyko suggested and Mrs. Stoker agreed that the matter will be placed as an action item on the next trustee meeting agenda once Mr. Lang is present and able to participate in the discussion.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

There were no minutes for approval.

MOTION to approve payment of bills: Mr. Wong motioned approval and Mrs. Stoker seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Requisitions – Greater than \$2,500.00

1. Services \$10,630.40 Hightech Signs – Design wayfinding & operational signage for Beckett Park
2. Services \$5,097.80 Kleem Inc. – Design entrance signage for Beckett Park

Motion for approval carried unanimously.

Personnel Items

MOTION to hire six (6) April – November seasonal employees: Douglas Delehant, Corey Smith, and William Schibler (Roads), Jason Nocero (Cemetery), Brian Newman and Kevin Oliver (Parks) effective April 2, 2012, all at the hourly rate of \$11.25: Mrs. Boyko said these hires, wherein eight April to November seasonal employees and four May to September seasonal employees would be hired, were part of the staggered hires included in the 2012 budget, and were designed to realized greater efficiencies and savings. Furthermore, the motion is consistent with the motion approved by the Board at the last meeting to hire 12 seasonal employees for the Maintenance Division. Mrs. Stoker read the motion, Mr. Wong motioned for approval, seconded by Mrs. Stoker. There was no discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

MOTION to have the annual West Chester Volunteer Appreciation Reception on May 17, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Muhlhauser Barn: Mrs. Boyko said the time would be a change in the past practice of having the reception before a trustee meeting, which may have hindered people's ability to attend a gathering that early. Furthermore, the Muhlhauser Barn would be an alternate location, recommended because it was used for this purpose on one occasion previously and was very well attended. Mrs. Stoker read the motion, Mr. Wong motioned for approval, seconded by Mrs. Stoker. There was no discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION was made by Mrs. Stoker to declare the following properties a public nuisance as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code, having reviewed the staff report and affidavit:

7031 Hamilton-Mason Road
7305 Cascade Drive

Staff is directed to cause removal of the nuisances identified, and monitor this property for 90 days to require compliance. An administrative charge of 25% shall be added to the contractor fee for this property. Mr. Wong seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Resolutions & Reading of Emergency Resolutions

There were no first readings or readings of emergency resolutions.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

Second Reading & Vote on Pending Resolutions & Vote on Emergency Resolutions

There were no second readings & vote on pending resolutions, or vote on emergency resolutions.

Discussion Items & Trustees Comments

Mr. Wong noted this is KiteFest weekend and encouraged community attendance.

Adjournment

Mrs. Stoker commented there was not going to be an executive session, and asked for a motion for adjournment, Mr. Wong so moved, seconded by Mrs. Stoker. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:



Catherine Stoker, President